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## Supervisor Herrity to Host Teen Job Fair

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Businesses are invited to participate in this event to showcase their companies and the positions they have available. Employers seeking to secure space at the job fair can should visit the Greater Springfield Chamber's website Employer Application - <a href="http://tinyurl.com/md2uyf3">http://tinyurl.com/md2uyf3</a> or contact my office. Join companies like Interstate,

Andrews Credit Union, Walgreens, Glory Days, the Fairfax County Park Authority and many more who are looking to hire workers The deadline to sign up for an employer space is Monday, March 16.

The job fair will be held in the cafeteria at West Springfield High School on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This event is free for all students. For more information, visit <a href="http://business.springfieldchamber.org/events/details/opportunity-expo-job-fair-2122">http://business.springfieldchamber.org/events/details/opportunity-expo-job-fair-2122</a>. No RSVP is needed, but you can "Set a Reminder" by entering your email address on the linked website.

Although the job fair is not strictly for students and young job seekers, our area high school organizations are making a push for students and parents to take advantage of this event to line up after-school employment, an internship, volunteer opportunities or a seasonal position for the summer.

This job fair is an opportunity to connect our businesses with our young job seekers, and I am happy to partner with the Greater Springfield Chamber, the West Springfield PTSA and our local high school's business clubs to achieve this goal. Having a job as a teenager was a rewarding and educational experience for me and one that we need to promote for our youth. For employers this fair will connect them face to face with young and ambitious candidates. It is a win-win.

## FY2016 Budget Town Hall Meeting

Please save the date for my annual Budget Town Hall Meeting co-hosted by the Springfield District Council on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the West Springfield Government Center. Both County Executive Ed Long and County CFO Susan Datta will be there with a short presentation on the budget followed by my comments, and then a question and answer session. The West Springfield Government Center is located at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, 22152.